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Gentlemen:

I applaud your efforts to settle the Microsoft issue. My opinion on the entire matter is that failed competitors used the US justice system to enhance their business position to the detriment of consumers and to the detriment of the information industry.

We needed a cheap, stable, common system which Microsoft provided. The initial suit was unwarranted. The proposed settlement by the DOJ and MS is much more punitive to MS than what I consider fair, but if it brings this issue to closure, I can see its merits.

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